

October 21, 2019
South Paris, Maine

A regular meeting of the M.S.A.D. #17 Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, October 7, 2019 at 232 Main Street, South Paris, Maine, with the following members in attendance: Natalie Andrews, Scott Buffington, Jared Cash, Curtis Cole, Stacia Cordwell, David Dunn, Amanda Fearon, Judy Green, Ron Kugell, Christopher Miller, Diana Olsen, Sarah Otterson, Barry Patrie, Henry Raymond, Troy Ripley, William Rolfe, Kristin Roy, and Lewis Williams. Board members absent: Stephen Cummings, Kathy Laplante (exc.), Al Lisowski and Gary Smith. Also present were Samantha Armstrong, Annabelle Chapman, Renee Chapman, Brian Desilets, Melanie Ellsworth, Patrick Hartnett, Debra Hertell, Heather Manchester, Jennifer McAlister, Ted Moccia, Jan Neureuther, DJ Thorne, Student Representative Catrina Wilson, Nicole Carter from the Advertiser Democrat, Dylan Mills from NPCTV and Superintendent Richard Colpitts.

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Diana Olsen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **FLAG SALUTE:** Chair Diana Olsen led the flag salute.

3. **WELCOME TO VISITORS:** Chair Diana Olsen welcomed staff and visitors.

4. **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

5. **REPORTS:**

Student Representative: Aspire Higher Day will be tomorrow, October 22nd, Parent/Teacher conferences will be on the 24th.

Policy Committee: Ms. Green reported that the Committee met before tonight's Board meeting and looked at several policies.

Curriculum Committee: Ms. Otterson reported that the Committee met on Tuesday, October 15.

Personnel Committee: Mr. Patrie reported that the Committee met before tonight's Board meeting and will have a recommendation on item 11.B.

Finance Committee: Mr. Patrie reported that the Committee met before tonight's Board meeting and will have a recommendation on item 11.b.

6. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

Mr. Moccia, Mr. Desilets, Ms. Manchester and Mr. Thorne all gave administrative updates.

7. **ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA:** None

8. CONSENT AGENDA:

Mr. Patrie made the motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews and voted 17 in favor, 0 opposed and 1 abstention in favor to approve the following:

- A. To approve an overnight field trip for Grade 5 students at Harrison Elementary School to the 4-H Camp in Bryant Pond from October 29th to November 1st, 2019.
- B. To approve an overnight field trip for Grade 6 students at Hebron Station School to the 4-H Camp in Bryant Pond from November 6th to November 8th, 2019.
- C. To approve an overnight educational field trip for Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School Interact Club students to New York City to visit the September 11th Memorial and Museum on November 8th and 9th, 2019.
- D. To accept a donation in the amount of \$911 from Storekeepers to be used for field trips for Grade 5 and 6 students at Hebron Station School.
- E. To accept a donation in the amount of \$1,870 from DEPOT to be used for improvements to the Hebron Station School playground.
- F. To approve a donation of \$1,050 from Elaine Tarbox to provide supports for several of our neediest students.
- G. To approve the following coaching candidates for the winter 2019-2020 athletic season:

Winter Faculty Manager

OHCHS Volunteer Wrestling Coaches

Diane Slicer

Nate Danforth and Tony Stevens

9. ACTION ON MINUTES:

- A. Mr. Kugell made the motion, seconded by Ms. Andrews and voted unanimously in favor to approve the September 16, 2019 regular Board Meeting minutes.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

11. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. ESEA Coordinator Melanie Ellsworth, summer school administrator Samantha Armstrong and summer school teacher Jennifer McAllister presented on Summer School programming.

B. Mr. Ripley made the motion, seconded by Mr. Williams and voted unanimously in favor to approve the creation of an additional Special Education Teacher at Guy E. Rowe Elementary School.

C. Mr. Williams made the motion, seconded by Mr. Ripley and voter unanimously in favor to fund the new special education teaching position at Guy E. Rowe Elementary School from the Contingency Fund.

12. QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD:

Mr. Buffington asked if creating teaching positions after the budget has been finalized is usual and if so, how many are created annually and paid for from contingency funds?

Mr. Colpitts replied that it was not unusual for 2 – 3 positions to be created during the school year based on needs that arose. These positions were paid for from the contingency funds.

Mr. Williams commented that Special Education is an area that the Budget Committee should focus on more and think about situations such as this one when creating the budget. Contingency should be kicked up so there would be more monies available for unforeseen needs.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

The Board Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

14. Immediately following the Board meeting the Board met in a workshop session to develop questions to present at a legislator meeting with MSAD 17 directors in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

**Richard Colpitts
Superintendent of Schools**